



H.Res. 917 - Supporting the goals and ideals of National Engineers Week, and for other purposes

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 917 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Daniel Lipinski (D-IL) on January 15, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Science and Technology on January 15, 2008, but was never considered.

H.Res. 917 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on February 13, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 917 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Supports the goals and ideals of National Engineers Week and its aim to increase understanding of and interest in engineering and technology careers and to promote literacy in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and
- Will work with the engineering community to make sure that the creativity and contribution of that community can be expressed through research, development, standardization, and innovation.

BACKGROUND

National Engineers Week was founded in 1951 by the National Society of Professional Engineers, and is among the oldest of America's professional outreach programs. Today, National Engineers Week has grown into a formal coalition of more than 75 professional societies, major corporations, and government agencies, dedicated to the future of engineering by increasing interest in careers in engineering and technology among young students by promoting pre-college literacy in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). During National Engineers Week, more than 45,000 engineers work with almost 5,500,000 students and teachers from kindergarten through high school to promote STEM.

The President has declared the week of February 16-23, 2008 to be National Engineers Week, with a theme of "Engineers Make a World of Difference." National Engineers Week is celebrated during the week of President George Washington's birthday, due to his contributions to the engineering field as a military engineer and land surveyor.

STAFF CONTACT

For questions or further information contact Justin Hanson at (202) 226-2302.